

SENATE RESOLUTION 116  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles P. "Charlie"  
Roller of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Charles P. "Charlie" Roller; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was a retired businessman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; he was instrumental in the development of Guaranda Friendship Gardens and served on the Johnson City Tree and Appearance Board; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Washington County, Mr. Roller was a highly respected member of the Johnson City community; he was a member of the Johnson City Parks and Recreation Board and had been selected to the Parks and Recreation Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Roller served with acumen and alacrity as a contractor and co-owner of Gobble and Roller General Contractors for 22 years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roller was an active and devout member of the First Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as former deacon, charter member of the Mr. and Mrs. Sunday School Class, and member of the Loyal Men's Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Roller was born in Sullivan County seventy-eight years ago, the son of the late Charles P., Sr., and Jessie Mae Jackson Roller; his family moved to Johnson City during his early childhood and he graduated from Science Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roller served his nation with valor during World War II as a Navy Seabee; he married Dorothy Dickson, the daughter of George Columbus and Florence Sutton Dickson in Portsmouth, Virginia on December 25, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Roller was an employee of the Veterans Administration for 26 years as a project engineer in the Engineering Department; he was a member of the American Legion for 55 years and was a former member of the Johnson City Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Roller was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roller enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Dorothy, and was the proud parent of son, Richard J. "Rick" Roller, and daughters Becky R. Corzine and Sylvia Roller; he was the loving grandfather of Brianna Roller and Heidi Corzine and great-grandson Justin Lowe; and

Whereas, Charlie Roller served in many other roles, including a city youth boxing coach; he was honored by the naming of the Charles P. Roller youth baseball field in the Liberty Bell Baseball complex; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roller was described as having lived a life exemplifying the ideals of love of neighbor, love of city, love of county, love of state and love of country; a life whose example is worthy of emulation; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Roller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Charles P. "Charlie" Roller, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Charlie Roller.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.